(c) if so, whether Government have considered the offer made by the company;

(d) whether any concrete proposal in this regard has been received by India;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government have agreed to the proposal made by the US multinational company; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (g) Government has not received any offer from any US Multi-national company to modernise power transmission system in India so far.

Private Bids for Generation and Transmission of Electricity in Delhi

4511. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a rift between the Delhi Government and the Union Government on inviting some private bids for the generation and transmission of electricity in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action Government propose to take or have taken so far to meet the shortage of electricity in Delhi, for bringing some succour to the people of Delhi in the coming summer season and bringing down the mounting financial losses being incurred by Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking year after year and with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The power supply position in Delhi is by and large satisfactory. During the year 1993-94, against the requirement of 11045 Million units, the availability was 10884 Million units. The marginal deficit of 1.5% is met by suitable load management and enforcing peak load restrictions on industries/commercial establishments. Maximum possible assistance is provided to Delhi from the Northern Grid to meet its power requirements. With a view to meet the ensuing summer load and increasing demand, 3×34.07 MW Waste Heat Recovery Units are under installation at the existing Gas Turbines. DESU will get 90% share from the 840 MW National Capital Thermal Power Project at Dadri, three units of which have already been commissioned. Apart from the share in the Central stations coming up in the Northern Region, power is also made available to Delhi out of the unallocated reserve with the Central Government. Other steps taken to improve the quality and reliability of supply include extensive maintenance and strengthening/augmentation of the transmission and distribution system and installation of shunt capacitors. A Task Force set up by the Government periodically reviews the power supply position in Delhi. Measures taken by DESU to bring down its financial losses include tariff revision from 1-10-93; recovery of outstanding dues from consumers and checks on thefts and other voilations relating to use of electricity.

NTPC Project at Kahalgaon

4512. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction of the NTPC Thermal Power Station at Kahalgaon, Bihar was scheduled to be completed;

(b) whether there is any arrangement for direct supply of electricity to Banka from NTPC station at Kahalgaon; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor, and if so, by when the arrangement is likely to be made?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Kahalgaon Thermal Power Project (Stage I) of National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) in Bihar comprises 4 units of 210 MW each. The Ist unit was commissioned in March, 1992 and the IInd Unit in March, 1994. The anticipated commissioning schedule of IIIrd Unit is May, 1995 and that for the IVth unit is December, 1995.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Power from the project would be fed into the grid and the distribution of electricity to various locations within the State is in the purview of the concerned State Electricity Board.

Report of the National Working Group on Power

4513. SHRI V. NARAYANSAMY :
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Working Group on Power has stated that the widening gap in supply and demand and entering of foreign companies alone is not the cure and Government should ensure reasonable level of power addition over the years in the industrial and agricultural sectors in the country ; and

(b) if so, what action plan Government envisage for increasing the power situation in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Yes Sir. It is a fact that a group of persons who were earlier associated with power sector, have constituted themselves as 'the National Working Group on Power' and have suggested other measures in addition to entry of private sector for meeting the widening gap in supply and demand.

(b) Besides undertaking a capacity addition programme through public and private sector efforts, the various measures being taken to increase power availability in the country include maximisation of generation from the existing units, implementation of renovation and modernisation programme, reduction in transmission and distribution losses, effective load management and energy conservation measures.

Funding of Power Projects in India by Japan

4514. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY :
SHRI S. MADHAVAN :
SHRI BISHAMBHAR NATH PANDE :

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Japan has recently agreed to fund power projects in India, including transportation and conservation of environment ; and

(b) if so, which are the areas that have been selected for locating power projects in the country, including transportation field ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) and (b) A credit of 68.25 billion Yen equivalent to about Rs. 1800 crores has been agreed to in January, 1994 for being provided by OECF of Japan for the following three power projects :

Sl. No.	Name of Project/ Location	Implementing Agency	Capacity (MW)	Aid Amount (in Billion Yen.)
1.	Faridabad Gas Based Thermal Power Plant, Distt. Faridabad, Haryana	National Thermal Power Corporation	400	23.54
2.	Bakreshwar Coal based Thermal Power Plant, Distt. Birbhum, West Bengal	West Bengal Power Development Corporation	420	27.07
3.	Anpara 'B' Coal Based Power Plant, Distt. Sonebhadra, Uttar Pradesh (On-going project-Additional tranche of loan)	Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board	1000	17.64